

**Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council**  
**Special Meeting of the Executive**  
**Thursday, November 24, 2022 – 9 a.m.**

***Living Mission Statement for the Regional Council***

- *Supporting and enhancing the ministry of Communities of Faith*
- *Supporting Ministry Personnel, Staff and Lay Leadership in Communities of Faith*
  - *Supporting and nurturing Right Relations, Social and Ecological Justice*
    - *Supporting people in all seasons of life*
    - *Supporting and building Communications*

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Susan (Sue) Hutton, DLM	President
Jim Allen	Member
Rev. Cindy Casey	Member
Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole	Member
Liz Church	Member
Rev. Lynne Gardiner	Member
Nancy Hazen	Member
Rev. Ryan Kim	Member
Catherine Ryan	Member
Rev. Brian Cornelius	Corresponding Member – Treasurer for the Regional Council
Dana Ducette	Corresponding Member - Minister for Youth and Young Adults Faith, Clusters and Networks
Rev. Whit Strong	Member, Acting Executive Minister, Pastoral Relations Minister
Joel Miller	Program Assistant to Acting Executive Minister, Recording Secretary

**REGRETS/ABSENT**

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro	Past-President
Carolyn Ruda	Member
Anita Jansman	Corresponding Member - Communications and Administration Assistant
Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett	Corresponding Member - Minister Supporting Visioning with Communities of Faith, Clusters and Social Justice and Outreach Networks

**Opening Devotions** – Susan Hutton opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Call to Order** – Susan called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM

**Land Acknowledgement** – Susan acknowledged that we gather on First Nations territories and reminded all to continue the work of truth and reconciliation and move toward right relations.

**Circle Time for Sharing** – All were invited to share.

**Equity Monitor**

**2022-11-24\_001 MOTION** (N. Hazen/J. Allen) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive appoints Rev. Cindy Casey as Equity Support for this meeting. **CARRIED**

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**Agenda**

**2022-11-24\_002 MOTION** (L. Gardiner/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the agenda as orally presented. **CARRIED**

**Order of the Day - Église St-Marc**

Supporting and enhancing the ministry of Communities of Faith
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**1. Supporting Communities of Faith –****A. Property Support**

## a) Église St-Marc

Background:

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday November 22nd and is recommending that EOORC, at the request of Kindred Works (formerly United Church Property Corporation) and St. Marc's United Church, provide bridge financing for the dismantling of Eglise St. Marc's church town which has been condemned and which the city is insisting on immediate action. If there is not immediate action taken, the city will do repairs and simply bill the church.

Given the urgency, there is a need for immediate and quick decision on this matter and the Finance Committee in recommending this action. In discussing the recommendation fully, it was the view of the committee that we have no real option but to act.

Neither St. Marc's on Kindred Works has the cashflow to do this project, and since St. Marc's is part of the Regional Council, this responsibility ultimately falls to us. While we could call upon Church Extension, their protocols require more time, and this is the best way to act. Remember, the Executive requested that Kindred Works consult with Eglise St. Marc's about the challenges related to their building. Presently, no one can be in the building and the congregation is worshipping at the St. Paul's Eastern site.

The Executive needs to authorize this action because of the size of the money involved.

Here is the good news: (according to Finance Committee)

1. We have the cashflow to meet the \$400,000 bill.
2. Kindred Works is encouraging a strategic conversation between themselves and the Regional Council about the numerous properties they are working with in and around the city of Ottawa (namely, St. Marc's, St. Paul's Eastern, Hawthorne, Aylmer and Centretown United). A first meeting has been set up for November 30th and we can discuss who attends this meeting. I will certainly attend as the Treasurer. Representatives of Church Extension and Property Committee can be invited as well.
3. While we have the cash flow, eventually this money will be returned, either as a loan with interest or as equity in a redevelopment project. How the money is returned will be determined on the strategic plan.

Other Assurances:

I can assure you that Kindred Works, at the request of the Regional Council, has been working closely with St. Marc's and officials at St. Marc's support action in demolition. They considered several options including the repair of the tower; however, the option of repairing the tower is well over a million dollars, an option which is not feasible. Given the consultation with the community of faith and the work of Kindred works, it is appropriate for the Regional Council to take this immediate action, and while more details need to be worked out down the road, we are confident that this bridge financing falls within the governance models since all the parties agree.

We also note the huge redevelopment prospects with this property.

Below are the details of the costs and estimates, for the project which are backed up with documentation from Kindred Works. Kindred Works would continue to provide their expertise in managing the project.

The most cost-effective solution will be to dismantle the tower. Attached are two current bids, along with a recommendation of the engineering firm.

- \$255,526
- Additional Cost Estimates:
- \$20,000 Winter Conditions
- \$20,000 Shed/Storage of the Stones (will be place at the former Hawthorne UC)
- \$50,000 Permanent Weather Proofing of entrance/remaining tower
- \$51,750 Contingency (15% - recommendation of engineer)

**ESTIMATED TOTAL BEFORE TAXES \$397,276**

**Given the liability concern raised from the City. If this not dealt with before the end of the year, the city can step-in and complete the work that will then be assessed against the property taxes, which could be a lot more costly.**

**2022-11-24\_003 MOTION** (C. Casey/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive agrees that Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provide bridge financing for the city-ordered dismantling of the condemned church tower at Eglise St. Marc's in Ottawa, up to a maximum of \$450,000, as recommended by Kindred Works in consultation with the leadership of Eglise St. Marcs; and that this project continue to be under the management of Kindred Works; and that this bridging financing will be retained on the Regional Balance Sheet with an understanding that the Regional Council will engage with Kindred Works on a strategic plan for this property and other Regional properties within the environs of urban Ottawa, those properties where Kindred Works is engaged in consultative work. **CARRIED**

Discussion: Brain highlighted background information. This bridge loan would sit on in the RC budget as an asset and will be repaid, although no plans are in place at the moment. Strategic planning discussions will begin next week.

**New Business** – Setting dates for additional meetings. Setting dates for Celebration of Ministry. Watin

2022-11-24\_000 MOTION (T. Burnett-Cole/R. Kim) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive agrees to allow the Pastoral Relations Minister to set possible dates for the Celebration of Ministry service in early April and October of each year.

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The above motions is tabled.

**Report from Equity Monitor** – Good conversations; need to be intentional about hearing more voices in discussions.

**Motion to adjourn**

**2022-11-24\_004 MOTION** (N. Hazen/R. Kim) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive adjourn this special meeting at 9:33 AM. **CARRIED**

**Next meeting date** -Thursday, January 12, 2023 9:00 – noon on zoom

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Sue Hutton,  
President

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Rev. Whit Strong,  
Acting Executive Minister, Pastoral Relations  
Minister